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Boston

April 29, 1833

Diary of a fishing voyage
Left Cortez ock ville N.H.
April 19th 1855 Kept by

Frank A. Kimball

Apr 19
Left Cortezock ville N.H.
at 9 o'clock and reached
Boston at 10 o'clock P.M.
We (L. W. Kimball, Rufus
S. Howe, George R. Buswell
and Harvey Perry,) went
to Commercial Wharf
but Capt. J. S. Hopkins
(of the Schr Alvarado
of Truro Mass) was not
there according to agree-
ment, So we all went

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To the Central House
Brattle Syr and called
for Supper & Went to
bed before 8 o'clock

20

Raining hard this morning
We all went out to No 12
Broomfield St and bot
our Rubber suits, coats
pants Cap coat $8.00 2.40 1.80
Barrel 1.17 9.17
In the eve we went to Perkins
Institute Opera (Melodia)
Rain all day and eve
Live wood to Cambridge

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Started for Provincetown
in the Schr Waldron Holmes

Capt Young. Paid on
board at the Central House
Paid 2,19

Harvey Perry Dr.

Rubber coat	4,80
" pants	2,40
" hatrel	1,38
" cap	,80
Express to Fair wharf	,20
Fare to Bournetown	1,25
" accross the ferry	,02
	10,80

Becalmed off Governors Island
till 5 o'clock got into Provincetown
at 10 o'clock slept on board
Had a good Breese most of
the way. I was horrible sick
but did not vomit

Buswell was the only one that vomited.

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Got up in the morning at ½ 2 o'clock and went to the Union Hotel and got breakfast Paid .25

Got on board the Plant Schr. Coast Guard. We had no ballast at all and we had a rough sea and frequent squalls came very near being capsized several times. Off Minots ledge we run out our Railroad under water 3 times. Rather a tight place for a Green Horn

The reason of our sailing back so soon was, the Alvarado started at four o'clock in the morning & we did not see her so had to turn around Capt Hopkins would have been here in season if he could have got off from the Dock — Our fare did not cost us any thing for we worked the ship

23

Lazed at Commercial Wf. all day Got bed at Dolan St Paid 75
Boots 225

6

Drawers	1.50
Memorandum	.13
Oranges	.05
Looking Glass (Sew Rig)	.13
L.W. Trumbull Dr	
Drawers Mittens 20	75
Looking Glass	.13
L.W. Trumbull Cr	
By pr Boots	3.25
Sew R Buswell Dr	
By bask	1.00
Mittens	20
One board Ship.	

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Hauled off from Com. Wf.
and went to Charlestown

and took in 840 bushels of salt (cost the Capt 22 cts per Bush) went out from the Dock under sail and hauled into Lon Wf
Paid boat between Bridge
leather for Rubber .25
25
At the State house in the Morning and from there to the Navy Yard and the Monument from there to the Messe
To the Monument (Breads) .25
Medford Rum Ball .5
Paper .01
Le W Rumrill Dr
To Shoulder Braces .125

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Oranges		.05
Cocanut		.06
Powder	L, W, C	.38
Balls	" " "	.13
Roll		.04
Lifting	Machine	.10

The Boys at Pettoms appear
On board ship all of this day.

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Foggy this morning - Rainy
at 9 o'clock
Hauled off from the Dock
and back again

Cocanut	.08
Paper	.01

Went up to Fremont St
and saw Jonas & Barnard
went with him to

cor of Washington & Winter
and got my minutes
taken and gave it to
him
25
Perry got lost and did
not get back again till
night last night this
has come from the
Doctor Capt
Had to wear my Rubber
clothes today

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We were all called up
last night at 11½ o'clock
to haul in to the dock for
we were cut adrift and
were floating against the
shipping

up this morning at 4 1/2 oclock and hauled out from the dock to sail for Provincetown, Got under way at 6 oclock Had a good run was not sick enough to vomit but I was Sick as Levi was sick but did not vomit Got in to the Harbour at about 1 oclock Began to catch some fish for supper I caught 3 flounders had some good supper Capt & Mate ashore tonight Perry fell overboard and got some wet not very bad tho

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Capt Hopkins could not come on board it was so rough. We had to go ashore after water, saw the Capt said he wanted us to come on shore in the P. Bx. and prepare wood and fill our water casks — After dinner went ashore and split a cord of wood and filled 18 casks of water. Obtained went out so that we had to draw the skiff 10 or 15 rods and then Buswell & I took the Capt on our shoulders & carried him to the skiff Sailed for Guam (10 miles).

anch and shored anch took the Boats (skiff & Dory) & went ashore to get some water butts and cod Rids allmoost capsized two or three times - carried Mr Avery's wife out with us, left Avery with Rum drunk - Bot back to Bonavista and tried to git to our berth but could not the tide being too low, so hauled off again into the stream - Capt ashore at 10 o'clock - Shot a black Duck did not get her - wounded her though - Lee got a letter from

Sunday went ashore with
Howe & Buswell out to
the cemetery and from
there to the other side of
the Cape (Ocean side)
Got back at noon and
came aboard in the ship
Met some sailors on the
side walk and they shot
Berry was Drunk and
that I was leading him
to the ship
Have written to Warren
four pages
Had such a hot fire in
the cabin that I had to
turn out three

14 30

Not up till 6 1/2 o'clock
Helped Lew get breakfast
washed off deck. The
rest of the boys up at
7 1/2 o'clock. Raining hard
winds from the East
Cold as Texas as Cap H
came on to the wharf &
signaled us to bring him
on board Gordon & Steve
went for him. Pulled
up anchor and hauled
on to Bowleys wharf.
Had the hardest time
pulling in the anchor.
Taking out ballast most
all day. Have had the
hardest days work that

I back on board of the
vessels Perry is a hand
& he'll will not do any
more than he can
help us Drew out more than
8 tons of ballast & we have
went out to the flats to
dig some clams, could not
find any so came back and
had a Mince pudding for
supper & Drew up our
skiff out of the reach of
the surf & went up in
town & got some oranges
Rec'd .05
I am almost sick sorry for
Rufus Howe working to
his brother sorry for

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May Day 1st

Called up at 5 o'clock and commenced filling water casks Put in 7 Bbls flour 1/2 do Pork Mess 1 do beef 2 do molasses 1 do hard bread - Have had a very hard days work - I whitewashed the forecastle almost - sparlick my clothes and got my hand cut up very badly washed them in vinegar and then greased them all over - Have been exposed to the small Pox for several days

but did not know it
till today - Two trunks
that belonged to an old
Negro who had the D. P.
have been close by our
vessel all of the time
we have been here and
the Sea that lays at our
Stern has got it on
boards - Perry never
has been Vaccinated
and is very much
frightened (as well as
the rest of us) Howe
wishes that we were at
home but will not go
now that we have all
been opposed

If we get rid of the
Small Pox and Variloid
and get back from our
fishing voyge safe, where
I go fishing again my
friends will All know
it I guess, Here we have
got to lay till the 15
or 20 of May, when we
expected to have sailed
as soon as the 20th of April
Live a work like 9 1/2
oclock tonight on It is
so hot in the Cabin that
we have had to turn out
The vessel thumped
the bottom last night
very badly I shall think

change if it has not
slanted her - We shall
find out when we get
to the Bar Rx - Those
Chaps with the Small
Pox have been around
us all day - 9 to 10 minutes
the fire Bells have just
rung - but much of a fire -
blazed for a few minutes
and gone -

May 2nd

Commenced work at 5 o'clock
filling water and cleaning
deck - The fire last night
was only a bed burning on
the wharf - The rest of
our clam pail came aboard

This morning we have 26 bbls in all cost $6.30 on board — Setting up fish kids and grinding axes in the P.M. — Trading in jewelry in the cabin all of the evening could not make a cent — Went and got some beer Paid 12 cts Have lifted a number of bbls of bait weighed 300 pounds Went out to see the wreck of an old vessel of nearly a M. tons. Came in last year loaded with Guano and was wrecked off the Point — Have got rid of all of my money except $1.53 I had about $10.00

Cold and rainy in the
morning clearing off in the
P.M. warm — Gordon painted
the mast heads this P.M.

May 8th 1850

Pulled up the water casks
this morning and took
on board one bushel of
turnips and a bushel
of potatoes (six bushels)
Went to Mercier Wharf and
got 2 spruce poles, with the
Capt — Hauled out from
Bowles wharf and sailed
for Truro were about an
hour on the trip — The Capt
wife came with us —
Came near being run foul of

The tide, if we had been 10 minutes later we should have had to lie in the harbor for 12 long days — A vessel hauled across our stern so that we had to work hard to get out — Mate gave us leave to unhook a bbl of bait to fish with — Benja Bussell caught 4 flounders and haddock and one skate and one Cusk — The Boys went ashore to get some clams and instead of clams they got one Doctor fish and a horse & hoe fish and a

all the horrids fish
that I ever saw the Goos
fish is the worst —
I had a fish bite and
lost a cod hook suppose
it was a halibut —
went out after a duck
but did not get him
saw two seals within a
short distance — Sun
upon lamp tonight
Capt & Mate ashore

Friday 4th May
Got up this morning at 6,
oclock and went to the
lines and found nothing
Washed off deck and then
at breakfast went ashore

with Gordon after Lobster
did not get any
Found the Capt & mate
waiting to come aboard
Rowed to the ship &
Commenced making
the Kids, and Sailed
Capt sailed that he would
"take me for an apprentice
and show me how to rig
a Banker" I commenced
scribing up the ends of a Kid
board and he began to scream
and said "if you can
understand that by thunder
you have got a longer head
than I have"
Gordon tasted the Main

mast-shrouds. It is the dirtiest work that I ever saw done. Capt Mate went ashore at 4 o'clock Hauled up our anchor to see if it was not foul came up handsome. Drifted with the wind a short way and came to anchor again began to rain at 6 o'clock is raining hard now (8 o'clock) shall have a screamer by morning. Rufus Howe is putting up the big lantern. As pleasant a morning as I ever saw harbor as smooth as Glass, except the swell Wind W. N. W. at 8 1/4 eve.

Lat. May 6th 1855

We had a heavy blow last night as we anticipated but did not go adrift. Got up this morning at 5½ o'clock pumped it dry and as did not commence work. Have been in the cabin more than half of the day. Fishing part of the time early in the great Skat. George R Boswell is a regular fisherman Caught 2 Skates 2 hake 1 Cod fish. Have had a real lazy day. Sam has fixed both bunks I let him have the Guano bed

and one blanket and one of the comforters, so I had only one quilt and blanket but shall get along without them I guess It is raining (now 8 ¾ ev.) Buswell has turned in and I shall do the same thing myself soon a Gordon is a horrid fellow to tell stories of his escapes with the girls in Malden and Lynn (Mass.) Capt Hopkins has not been about today it has been so rough

Sunday May 5th 1865

Here we lay in Pensacola harbor at 8 o'clock and 20 minutes George N. Buswell is sitting with his head over the Whidraw bucket vomiting as sick as he can be does not dare to groan for fear that his boots will come up — Rufus S. Howes has just been up on deck and cast his supper into Davy Jones's locker now he has gone again — Perry is as sick as he can be but cannot vomit

a bit of his grub — Levi has vomited once and has gone into his berth but is as sick as a horse — Gordon has gone into his berth and is asleep — I have just been on deck and tried to vomit but cannot make any headway am as sick as a sick monkey though — After breakfast this morning — Thus — by the by I have been on deck and vomited since I wrote last feel better now — I commenced to write what we did after breakfast

and will keep on so
if I can but the vessel
plunges so that it is
impossible to write decently
Well as I was going to say
we washed us all over and
then put on clean clothes
and had till dinner time
and after that went ashore
to the Capt. House and to
the liberty pole, saw a
canon that was used in
the Revolution it carries
a ball about 4 inches in
diameter — The Capt came
on board and we hove
up anchor and then let
go again and not then I

-sig that one of us we let go another - Capt told us not to cut Cable till we had each under 5 minutes - He expects that there will be a horrid blow - We did not have to take him ashore for just as we were getting ready to do so a man came along with a dog and took him off lucky chaps we were this time for the sea is getting rough If we did not have a blow last night it is one use to ever think having one First the vessel would plunge her bow point under, then her stern

then the water would
roll across her main deck
ever all turned in with our
Clothes on thinking it quite
probable that she would
part her cable. Had a
pretty good nights rest
however

Monday May 7

Up this morning at 6 1/2 o'clock
It is rather rough this morning
I am a little sick now
Gordon is in bed 6 1/2 morning
Capt & Mate came aboard
and we hove up anchor and
let it hang over the bows
Capt wanted me to go on
shore and hang a lot of Blinds

Hung one pair in the A.M.
and four pair in the B.M.
At dinner with Capt:
The rest of the Boys came aboard
except Levi and dug up
Capt garden and painted
3 pr Blocks – Went to the
store and got –

4 pr Shoes	1.00
2 " Nippers	.34
1 " Mittens	.33
2 Bars Soap	.20

got it all charged to the
Capt on the credit of the
voyage –
Did not leave the store until
dark and came near being
two late for the tide

At Sea with all of the Boys at Capt's

8th "

Bought a frock of Alfred & Gordon Paid him 1.39

Borrowed of George R Buswell 17 to pay for my frock -

Went on shore with Howe and Gordon they went to Bournetown P.O. on the beach missed the way and happened to run across Mr Chandler and he showed them the way P.M. said there was no letters in the office for us but Howe was not satisfied and looked into the Box and by what means each of

us got a letter — They got back at 4 o'clock and took supper at Capt Hopkins —
Hung 8 pair of Blinds for Capt and Painted 3 pair —
It commenced raining at Mr and the wind began to blow, and by the time the Boys got back we could not get on board so had to stay at Capt house — Gordan went to Averys house and had his clothes washed and dried — Went to bed at about 10 o'clock — Got a letter from home so did Levi —
All well at home —
Expect that the Boys will be frightened on board the Horses so —

Wednesday 9th May

Hung a door for Mrs Hopkins and took off and put on the fastenings to the stairs rods Went up after Avery. Howe and Gordon to go on board in a whale boat, the wind blowing a gale allmost — Got on board safely and run up the jib and sheeted off and let go the other anchor — Capt and Mate went in the whale boat to Capt Chandlers ship, and then went ashore — Read a letter from home (May) all well Borrowed 3 cts to pay postage with — Have written to Mary 4 pages and shall write more

It has been raining most all
day and is raining now
8 o'clock eve. The wind blows
hard a regular N. Easter
Had fried fish for supper
Levi is writing and the rest
of the Boys are turning in

Thursday May 10

Done rain this morning
and the wind blowing from
the N. E. Made me 2
reels and a gaff. Painted
the gaff black. We tried
strength this morning I
could hold out 9 cod heads
36 pounds no one else
could hold out but N. and P.
Wind breezes from the N. W.

So that we lay clean as home
All turned in at 9 o'clock
Expecting me. Capt has not
been on board today, and
here we are without a boat
or any means of getting ashore
We all concluded not to
drink any more Tea for
it is made of Hillabrush
leaves. Perry and Bynes
to Jester when he was
vaccinated last Monday

Friday May 11

Capt came on board this
morning with a Blacksmith
to repair our windlass.
Here and Gordon plushed
down the masts.

Buswell and I finished the platforms and bait-lockers. Buswell had a letter from home all well. Went ashore with the Capt. At the above in the evg.

Sat. 12 May

Up a 5½ oclock got breakfast and then commenced painting Blinds painted 6 pr ½ Capt painted 3 pr ½ Patched the roof of Capts House & Read the Capts log book for the year 1852 Kept by a German Jew and an old Dumb fool as much as 65 years old by the name of Damon

Had quite a talk on Sweden
& organisation with the Capt &
wife. Made a bed & wrench
~~and~~ did it all after dark
Helped the Capt & Mrs up
a bed. Went down to the
shore to go on board ship
but the boat had gone so
went back to Capt house

Sunday 13th

Went out in the morning
to walk and stopped to talk
with Frank Small a long time
about fruit trees did not
get back till 8 3/4 o'clock to
breakfast. Went down to
the shore to go aboard Clark
the Dory and started to go

aboards and met the Skipper coming ashore so turned around and went back and went directly to Averys house and all started to see the wild horses that was caught yesterday. It has run wilds for two years here on the Cape and was so wild that it took 25 men and horses to catch him. He was a fine looking animal hair as soft as fur. Went to the back side of the Cape and got some shells saw a life boat and a horse boat made of Rubber. Got back and took dinner with Avery had a first rate dinner

Got a lot of Sassafras root and sweet-flag root and a lot of Balm Gilead buds came on board and cleaned out my berth — Howe & Perry went to Antwerp and carried all our things to be washed Harve, Boswell & Gordon have been writing this P.M. Must write tonight myself bought for we sail in the morning — Eve went in to bathe rather rough

Monday 14 May

Rainy this morning up and at breakfast at 6 o'clock. Cleared off and Capt came on board with

a lot of passengers and
we up anchor and stood
for Prince Town got
in an east anchor at
9½ o'clock, went ashore
and got 5 bbls water and
filled our bitts and
got down Geo Paid 1.9
1 lb sugar 12
Hove up anchor at 1 o'clock
and hoisted sail for
the Grand banks. Had
light winds but got out
of sight of land at 5
o'clock Pea rather rough
but wind moderate
Wind W. S.W. am sick
Watches set I am in

the Capt-d, with Perry and Gordon, Mates walked out and Capts, on Monday 15 Tuesday saw a grampus this A.M. Written Sunday 20, May have been so sick all of the time since Monday might that I could write If ever there was a person sea sick it has been me have laid down and let the water wash over me and allmost frozen to death got a very bad cold by the means I have not eaten an ounce of solid food since Monday

Coyne & Wind S.W.
night (that I have digested)
could hold out P. 4 lb Cod
heads then, and Sat. P.M
could not hold out 3 for
I tried my best. What a
mess suffers with sea sickness
no one can tell who never
endured it — I did not
take any thing for it till
yesterday morning, my
medicine then was a
table spoonfull of Brandy
every two or three hours
during all of this time I
have not drank a cup of
tea or that amount of any
thing else till Saturday, nor
any single day !!

All of this has been endured just because I have left off— I will begin to fill out my log from here

Tuesday 15

Pleasant, fine enough

Wind S.W. by S.

Course E. E.

Latitude 42° 13'

Longitude 58° 50'

Miles in 24 hours

Wednesday 16

Blowing a good smart breeze, Split-Mainsail Water dashing over our bows continually and quite

often over the quarter deck
Have not eaten any thing
since Mon. night am as
sick as a man can well
be (Did not stand my
watch)
Winds SW. , SW.
Course E½S. E½N
Lat. 42° 48'
Long. 66° 9'
Miles in 24 hours
Have seen Porpoises two doz
but could not strike any

Thursday 17

Sick as can be Eyes all of the time cannot eat drink, sleep, stand, walk sit or lay down —
Lost sight today, more than usual

Wind
Course E by S.
Lat. 43° 30'
Long. 61° 10'
Miles in the last 24 hours
Did not stand my watch
The other boys are jigging their lines but I cannot
Get my head off vomiting
half of the time almost

Friday 18

Have been horrid sick today never saw so sick a day in my life have wished a good many times that I never had been born, or at least should have wished so if it had not been for just one thing

Winds N

Course

Lat. 43° 25'

Long. 60, 0'

Miles in 24 hours

Could not sound water

Since I wrote the last line I have vomited up all of my last Bowl relations

It commenced just as I was writing the words above and before I could get off of the Transom it was flying all over the Fore cabin Went on deck and gave old Donak all that he could ask for — It is Monday A.M. So, about that I am making up my Diary — A land Bird came on board today lit. on my shoulder —

Saturday 17 May

I was as sick yesterday as I could be but today I am a great deal worse!! The little bird stands in

the Cabins all night—
Capt helped me rig my
lines. Every ganged in hooks
and towel made my lasts—
Just before supper I shot
a Noddie but did not get
him, only broke one wing, he
beat but could not help it.
While the Capt was at tea
a school of Porpoises came
up and began to play so I
called him and he struck
3 but did not get but 2
of them one of which was
rather a small one the other
two were quite large would
weigh 4 or 5 hundred
The largest was fed long

I was not a bit sick
while we were sticking the
Porpoises but after the sport
was over I was as sick as
ever —

Wind N W & W.
Course E by S
Lat. 43° 43'
Long. 58° 30'
Miles in 24 hours

Sunday 20 May

Still on our course to
the Banks. Selling away
In the P.M. had to take
in the Main Sail and
put two reefs in the

Gorsail then run up
the storm Trysail and
could not stand old
sail then so hauled
down the fit, Rough as
Ever was in the night parted
the Strap to the Lower
Tackle Block and came
near loosing our Trysail
Running Head mooled
the night and the wind
blowing so that the seas
run high enough for me

Winds
Course
Lead
Log
Miles in 24 hours

52

Monday 21st May
On the Banks, Sd-
soundings in 5-2 fathoms
water, So we reckon a little
less than 7 days on the
Roads. A quick but rough
passage, Wind still
blowing hard and the
sea running high
saying too under bare reefs
Foresail. Have anchored
since yesterday at 4
P.M. with - Jib Fore Sail
Sail (fish) on to Iron in
the P.M. and stood on
to the Banks - Stood
on watch in the rain
with Gordon

could not take an observation on account of rain and fogg

Tuesday 22

Came to anchor and commenced clearing away for fishing - Built our tables for dressing fish - Bird on caught - The first fish a nice one too it was I have caught only of I shot a Hagul white A.M. but we could not reach him with our goffs. So lost him

54 Fish- May 22
Lop H. A. H. S. P. B H. Cook
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Wednesday 23 My
Caught 2 fish in my watch
Called this morning and
commenced fishing in gal
carriol, Capt changed me
from his watch to Mate
so that our watch now is
Avery, Howe, Buswell besid
myself, I am splitter
Have caught 31 fish today
Rainy part of the day
My watch in the night
Was a foggy rainy blustering
time the Bell every 10 Minutes
We have not seen the Sun
since last Friday but sounded

that we are on the Bank I
feel as sick as Lloyds
Had the first shower this
Mg. Have fished in 20 fath
of water

Thursday 24 May

Capt concluded to Weare
up anchor and go further
on to the Bank in to shoal
water - We had a hard lug
at the windlass getting the
anchor but it at last with
one of the flukes broken off
and the shank well bent
up. Supposed it to be hitched
to some old wreck -
Dressed what fish we had

5-0
on deck while under sail
anchored at about 7 o'clock
in about 4 & 5 fathoms of water
Put over lines and caught
2 fish — Have had a duty
rough wet nasty day
My first watch from 9 Till 10
Morn Morning bright &
As pleasant an eye as I ever
saw

Friday 25
Caught 6 fish in my watch
nice ones they were too
Called this morning at 4.
Caught only 2 fish in my
watch — Got Anchor at 7
o'clock and sailed South by
East under Jib foresail and

staysail. Had a good breeze
Hailed a Brig but they French
and they could not answer
us. Came up with another
Frenchman hailed him for
his Latitude understood
him to say 52° 43'
Kept came up with Schr.
Medium of Plymouth
Could not find any fish
Latitude 44° 50'
He hailed us in return
but we could not understand
him so he run up his sail
an Phased us. Have seen
a plenty of French vessels
Anchored after supper and
dropped lines for Fish

5-8

Have caught 11 Fish in my watch — The Medium came up with us and hailed us asked where we supposed we were told him about 70 miles on to the Bank — Said he anchored on Banquero 2 days in thick fog but did not know when in Hell he was now and did not know certain as he had been on Rocky — small fish then 19 Fish to be set down on the log

Saturday 26 May
Last night I caught only
1 Fish — Missed my
reckoning at the clock
and made a mistake of
an hour so stood before
Buswells watch —
Commenced fishing this
morning had no luck
so hove up anchor and
stood E. by N. Run across
a French vessel and
spoke her. Said his Lat
was 44° 16' Long. 59° which
the Capt did not believe.
Rain Foggy Dirty Wash
Sheeted Do at 4½ P.M.
Freed the Fish a number

of lines during the day with little success Fish few and small when we laz now & Reeled up our lines for Sunday I have agreed to stand two hours watch every night from 8 till 10 o'clock

Sunday 27 May

Up this morning at 6 o'clock and at Breakfast Hour and I washed me this A.M. all over, Cut off a pair of pants and put on 4 buttons and then put some straps on my

rubber boots, so to keep the tops up. I have been sick most all day. Comstock over me. Sen has been sick too. Very cold. Sen finds some Porpoises this P. M. Was good. Capt took an observation this M. Calculates his Latitude to be 44° 18'. We had a good day in the Cabin this P. M. Saw nearly 20 pieces. They all backed out of the bay in about my 2 hours watch so I stood from 11½ to 12-40. Rain & foggy last night watch.

Today has been very pleasant but Cold — There has been a heavy sea running all day. Capt says heavier than he has known for years! Wind South West —

Monday 28 May 55

Up this morning at 5 o'clock Had a horrid night last night Seas running high the very best we have had at least the heaviest swells — No fish caught this morning. So hove up anchor and made sail. After a while put the Mainsail on to her — Saw a French

ship at anchor fishing
Course today E — E.S.E!
In the P.M. We unbent the
Mainsail and stowed it
in the Forecastle — Had
a calm nearly all of the
P.M. We are laying adrift
with the Foresail up —
Here we have been on the
Banks more than a week
and have only got about
400 fish — The Capt says that
this is a Devil of a time we
are having now says that it
has not been so rough on
the Banks for — many a
year — Porpoises in sight
Never shot at a Flying fish
did not get that —

Tuesday 29 May

Cat morning watch on deck. Caught no fish. Capt caught 5 or six. Drifted about all night. Got under sail and sailed S.E. Spoke Schr. Herald of Plymouth had 1100 Fish. Said he had seen 5 or 6 vessels during the A.M. he had come from the S.W. At 8 o'clock 4 vessels in sight one ahead four astern sailing for us. Shall sail all night, and make 4 watches. The Cabin smells like Texas. Got a piece in the

shape of a pair of oil pants I sailed round them 3 times before we got them London (Ebrdon) lost his hat in the scrape but got it again

Wednesday 30

My Watch from 3 to 4 o'clock but was called 10 minutes before the time the same as I was the last morning watch that I had Capt spoke Sch. Atlantic last night in his watch this morning spoke the Sch. D. C. Smith of Provincetown (Capt Smith) had 6,000 fish had come from

the N. and E. but could find no fish. He tacked to the W. by S. and we followed him we overtook him and hailed again said he had found fish as fast as he could haul but as soon as he dropped anchor he could not catch a fish.
We kept under sail till about 10 o'clock and cast Anchor (last night) and this morning got under way at 5½ o'clock.
Dropped anchor in one line of water at 5 o'clock
Fish scarce caught enough enough

for that we had a "Cod heads" chowder for dinner good it was too. I have caught 2 Haddock and 6 Cod Cod Fish tonight This morning I got a Halibut Perry did the same, I could not get mine over the rail so got Avery to help me Shot (Howe died) 3 Haggals and a Marlin spike but the Capt would not let us have the Boat to go for them The Medicin that we hailed has been in sight all day and several other Bankers Lewis sick this P.M. Very A plenty of Porpoises in

plazing around the bows

Thursday 31

Got anchor and stood West by S. & S. Spoke the Schr. Juvenile had been to Westchester Bank. Lucio and on her and had got no fish. Tried the fish but found none with P. M. Then gave the Juvenile a berth and cast anchor found nothing except on halibut — Lee allmost sick today — Gordon shot 4 or 5 Smalls pikes but did not get but on — Snow the Whites morning but

have made about 20 miles
It is getting rough as Texas
tonight and I am getting
sick – Porpoises jumping
out of the water all around
this morning – It has rained
a part of the day – Have
had a little dispute with
Capt & Ivey about fish, they
put their memorandums
in my journals, and Ivey
says the same as I do too

Friday June 12/56
Lat 43°30 / Got this noon
Hove up anchor and got
under way at 5 1/2 o'clock
and had a good breeze

7
Sailed Tuesday 2½ o'clock and
struck fish and hooked
up. Caught 14 Fish
Spoke the Schr Atlantic
of Marblehead had come
from the Banks. Had
seen no vessels. Gunned
around and followed us
to the W by S. Have caught
4 Halibut one good one
I stand all day one watch
today alone. Have written
a letter to George today.
Eight sail in sight just
at dark. Caught 4 Haddock
and threw them overboard.
George R Bustwell is sick
today has been in berth all day

Saturday 2 May 1835

Lat 24, 12 Lo Run about
noon at 4 o'clock got anchor
and stood North & erected
Spoke Schr Anna C Eliza of
Orleans (Maine) had been
on every part of the Bank and
had all only a handful, kept
on by us and made a berth
and anchored. Lat 23° 58
Long nearly 80° We had fish
as fast as we could haul
in the morning - I stood
George B. Briscoll watch
last night - He is sick
today better tonight - Same
post - a frenchman selling
his schooll

Sunday June 8

Got anchor after breakfast and stood W ½ S ½ S.
Spoke the Am Elisa as soon as we had got under way and kept along with her all day spoke her several times Capt and Mate went aboard in the day while we were becalmed, saw any quantity of Frenchmen fishing with their seralls Came along side of the Barque St John of Glasgow bound for Bay Chaleurs for lumber by just at night the Am Elisa

came accross a Frenchmen
sorall and hauled in about
two fath. We came accross
the same thing and hauled
in a buoy and about 8 oc P.M.
last light was called
10 minutes before my
watch I hall made the
med stand bt if he calls
me again It had been as
Pleasant today as it ever
is in the country

Monday 4 from
Sailed all night My
watch from 12 1/2 to 2 3/4
Sailed along side of the
largest Frenchmen that

I have seen on the Bar N
Spoke him Said he had
15,00 Rum at Jisha
Did not get more than 2
hours sleep in the night
Kept on our course S by East
Spoke the Sebe Ann Ellen
Elsea and the Emma
Sedhom, both kept me
company with us all day
and then concluded to
to turn again round
again and sail S by W.
Anchored on 4 4 fathom
water abreast the two
Isles. Have been sick
all day. Rolling the sea
that we stole yesterday

and steering out the gangway — We got aboard the fathoms of line and 21 fish — A pleasant day today

Tuesday 5 May

Was called 8 or 10 minutes before my watch but said nothing about it — Smooth and pleasant — good moon My watch out at 4 o'clock Got anchor before breakfast and stood N.b W. watch opposite to the direction we sailed yesterday which seems to me to be a curious way to find fish — sailing

Has been a real pleasant day
75 over the same ground
every day - perhaps I am
mistaken tho'. — Have
sailed probably 50 miles
today and shall probably
sail all night - for we
have just hove to and
got sounding in deeper
water than we've been last
night - 48 fathoms —
My first watch on deck
which is done and I have
taken 4 of Richardson's Pills
to see if I cannot get
a hard bunch out of
my stomach — Spoke
the schr. William Franklin
of Marblehead had 2,000 fish

Lat. 43°27'. We run off of the Bank this A.M. The two ships that have been with us two days are astern of us out of sight. The Witch of the Wave was in company with the Wm Franklin. Have changed my berth to the Forecastle on account of the berth in the Cabin not being large enough for Buswell and myself. Though three persons of good size have slept in it many times. The wind is breezing and we shall have a snorter before it is over with. We are under our foresail only. Hauled in Main

Perry caught 1 Fish and I caught a haddock and 1 Cod

Wednesday 8 May

My morning watch I had alone from 4 to 8 Sailed all of last night under Foresail with the head E by N. Anchored about 12½ o'clock on fishing ground in 38 fathoms of water It was foggy in my watch and continued so most of the time till seven o'clock when the rain came on to us by the pailful and is raining now (8 o'clock) Got my feet wet for the first

time since I have been aboard a Capt got into my berth and smoked, would rather he had done any thing else in it than smoke We have paid out 80 or 90 fath more of cable and now are going to turn in I have caught 15 Cod Fish today

Thursday 7 May

Not up till past 6 o'clock When my watch commenced it was daylight 1½ hr. before it was out it was so foggy that I could not see the length of the vessel caught 6 fish in my watch

A large emigrant-ship came and spoke us, asked if we had "no fish" Capt said "yes" "no sell" said he Capt asked he would, then he said he would send a boat aboard but he was only fooling us for he stood straight on his course, We were sorry enough for we wanted to send some letters home & Lewis nailed them to a stick but the Capt would not let him throw them aboard. Got anchor after dinner, Too bress at all. Caught 2 ½ Fish Sailed E by N and anchored at 7½ o'clock in the same

depth of water as when we last bit up. Spoke the Ann Eliza again while we were at anchor. She gave us a berth & anchored but stopped only a little while and then stood to the W.W. Levi washed himself on deck this P.M. Buswell shingled my hair all off and then I cut his.

Sunday Lat 44° 8 4

Friday 8 June

Caught 6 Cod since we bit up Cut anchor and stood E.S.E. with a fair wind. Passed 6 French Barks all getting under weigh and standing to the Westward.

Last night the Ceres remained so we were on the lookout for a storm which came on this A. M. at 8 o'clock. Thick and rainy with a small breeze. Hove to and remained in about 1½ hours when took in Stay sail & Brought back last night and today he is Lewis with his sloop and watch. Howe has mended our boats in good shape. Spoke the Schr Rob Bruce of Orleans and Alexander of Barnstable. They had no fish and were bound for the Virgin Rocks in Sad: 40° 21' gave them a bath and dropped

hook with the wind blowing a screamer. 1 Fish caught but it rained and the rest of them caught nothing but little ones so turned in

Saturday 9 May

Caught 4 Fish in my watch nice ones too. Sick as Dogs all night, did not get up to breakfast neither dinner or supper of any consequence. No fish caught today. Took in part of our cable after noon. Had a squall in the forenoon after dark, and then Devil. I had some apples. The wind has moderated so has the sea

Sunday 10th May

Hove up Anchor at 6 1/2 A.M. and hoisted the helm for the N. under jib. Allmost a dead calm Made about 12 miles during the day, part of the time under foresail and part of the time under the flagsail rigged as a square sail. Washed all over in the forecastle. Boys in in watches. All of us in the forecastle talking about Spurs to and witches. Pleasant and warm as I ever wish to see it. Only one vessel in sight

except the two we anchored with, do not know the name. Cast anchor before dark in about the same depth of water we have had for the last few days. Scalded my hand with boiling hot fat (to a blister) Seal 1½ to 1¾ by today's observation

Monday 11

Hove up anchor and stood East. Spy Lights in sight. Spoke the John Simons with 800 in two weeks on Western Edge. Heard from the John A Cook with 13000 also the Susan Hall with 10,000 fish &c

Dressed while sailing
I caught 9 fish and
when they were all cut-
ted it left me 11 less
than none reckoning as
each man said he had
Avery said that he salted
just 30 fish but those
had 31 back bones beside
thrown over board some
of the small ones that
he did not want the
sharks from me This
seems curious to me but
perhaps it is so
Plenty of Porpoises
Dropped anchor at 7½
in 1½ line of water

Tuesday 12 June

Sol anchor and
stood N by E sailed
about 40 miles in the
fog and hit up in 1½
fathoms of water
Caught 6 Good cod

Wednesday 13

Sol anchor and made
sail South by East
Still foggy Am sick
with Headache
Shall make about 35
or 40 miles today
Run E by N, till M then
S by E till two o'clock for
we had run off of the

Barkon our other course. After two we run W.S.W. till 6 o'clock then bit up in about 38 fathoms of water. Capt says that our Keth my Hes ben as high as 26° 1/2 Mean noon in about 26° 1/2. Got about 50 nice fish before 9 P.M.

Thursday 14

Up this morning at 3/4 o'clock. Soon as we bit up here I have got 54 Fish and since 8 o'clock have caught

12 more — Foggy most of the daye Three vessels Anchored in sight of us Our fish all amount to more than 500 for today

Friday 16 June

Foggy and rough all day & Rough as Devils all night — Fish amount to 590 I have caught 81 Cod and am out & Dare tonight. Averil got 6 Haggids with a Devil

Saturday 16 Jun
Last night foggy as Sexes
and Hide Nab bore E
And the same all day
Saw eight 17 Luggers
and steward dressed
them Caught 30 Fish
Vessel rolls horridly
Seas heavy Saw 12 sail
harder Sunday 17
Foggy and warm and
as fresh moderate now
Mar P.M. is getting very h
again, ev has not been
so rough since we came
on to the bank Picked
one of Greek, Levi and I
washed tonight

Monday 18 June

Last night we drafted off of our fishing ground and this morning could not find fish. I only got 6 fish. Threw out grapy overboard and a lot or two of ballast and got under way at two o'clock. Sailed 10 miles or so and hit up in about 40 fat of water and in a float of seven shots, found a few fish. My days work Rasmunds 6 8 fish K

Tuesday 19

Fish scarce this morning

but concluded to stop
till P.M. then have up
hook and stood for the
place that we drifted from
Spoke the A.O. Dobell
Thad 8,000 fish came to
the Bank soon we did
Ran down too and spot
the Leading Breem with
4,000 fish, also on the
bank since we were
Hooked up at 3 o'clock
and found real Caskin
Edges. My days work
amounts to 43 Fish

Wednesday 26
Had hurried Quick this
morning only eight

two sm sm wales a
Whales, porkempuses &
Porpaises have bin
plenty today Sea as
smooth as glass and
little swell today and
do waim for Comfort
Got 89 Fish

Thursday 21
Fished till one oclock
and got 199 fish and
then it was up hook and
away just because the
A. C. D small Capel Pende
grass could not get
fish he was a few
miles from us

Hove to and found
fish quite fast but
it was up jib and
stay sail as the fish
were not large. After
sailing little 5½ which
we hilled up for a thick
dark fog but got only
a kid full of fish
so up anchor and
stood S by E in the
morning of Sat 7th inst
in watch Friday 21
of June. Hove to and
found fish large and
small but Capt would
not anchor. Yesterday
spoke the Barque Walter

and the O. A. Small
Anchored at 5 o'clock but
did not find fish. Foggy
and dark. Capt has not
asked me how many fish
I have got. I caught 13
in my watch and 6
when we have two

Saturday 28th June
No fish in this berth so
have up anchor and stood
W. S. W. till we ran off of the
bank then hoisted Mizzen
and N. W. by W was our course
The Capt asked me how many
fish I had to set down.
Had 13-6-1=20 Amen then
we ran, set down

I stood at the wheel
40 minutes, before 8 o'clock
and at 8 took it again
and stood till 12 o'clock
when Avery took it so I have
stood 3 hours and 10
minutes and think that
is my part for one days
Bill up at 5½ o'clock in
about 40 fathoms of brine
Only 2 Fish since morning

Sunday 24 June

After breakfast washed all
after and went on deck
Hove up anchor at 11 o'c A.M.
and stood S.S.W with light
breeze. Before we started
Howe put over a line and

saw 11 fish and got on
board them as fast as we could
haul. This morning Avery
served me a mean dirty
trick. It was his morning
watch to steer alone from
3½ to 6 o'clock but he shot
I was green and so called
me and then came down
and turned into his berth
and laid till breakfast
time and for that he is
a dirty dog and if he does
it again the will catch
Gerjas. Spoke the Schr
James Porter with dry M 2,000
Had spoke the East Wind with
14,000. Had a fine in the

88 Forecastle and after part had a talk about our watch Capt said he would change me to Shows place in the watch as 5 or 6 Frenchmen or Englishmen in sight in the A.M. Foggy all day

Monday 25

Hove up anchor at 8 1/4 A.M. and steered her to the W.S.W and hooked up at 8 3/4 o'clock in white water with the tide running about 10 knots per hour Counted 36 sail in sight at 11 o'clock A.M. Spoke the Schooner of Bournetown with 1,800 fish also the

While cloudy with 18,000
Fish & Water only one line
deep & Rigged up a tool
machine and straightened
our crooked anchor &
Howe and Avery had a spot
in the Cabin today
& Fish today

Tuesday 26

Got anchor at 8½ o'clock
and stood S.S.W with
light wind. Fell in with
a fleet of about 40 sail
and spoke the A. D. Small
and the A. Small with
9,500 Fish & Capt and Howe
went aboard of the Schr
A. D. Small and took supper

100
and Henry Fuller of the
same Dekl, came and
took supper with us
Water as white as milk
Anchored in our berth
water at 6 o'clock
A shark came around
the vessel did not touch
him. Got 11 fish
Never a pleasanter day
Wednesday 27
After breakfast got anchor
and stood S by W in Block
Sound Spoke the Favorite
and the Robert Rakes
with 14,000 fish. Carried
away our Mainstaysail
did not have it the

Yesterday morning spliced
our cable with 15 fathoms
more of chain (in all 25 fa
and this A.M. we found a
flaw in the old chain and
had to take it off (8 fathoms
Lost my cap overboard
Bit up at 4½ P.M.
Passed Provincetown com
astern and spoke us he has
9000 fish — Only 5 fish
today

Thursday 28 June
Got up this morning and
found ourselves in a fleet
of 50 vessels — got nothing
but Haddock so got hook
and sailed around the

fleet and spoke the
Archie of Pro. with 6,300
fish Spoke the Bison of Pro
and the In a Which
fog all of the time Got
no fish Left most night
then got about 76 qtls
Made a Little Clamp of
a Haddock's paper and
then commenced a letter
for Mary — Found some
Capling Today Have got
7 Fish today

Friday 29. June
Spoke the Wolda with 1,000
& spoke the Minnie Boyd with
6,500 fish Capt came on board
Joseph Low, Had pleasant

from St Peters where we
had been to bury a murdered
man and to deliver the
Murderer to the authorities
to be sent to Boston for
trial. Make of the Boyd
here aboard. Log all day
thick as mud. 23 Fish
is all that I have done to day
pumped ship 3 times today
Buswell had 8½ to 9½
watch at my times
Caught 2 Halibut

Saturday 30 June
Here it is the last day of
June and we have got only
2 3/4 M fish on board
Have caught 8 fish and

beside those have got
5 Halibut — A large
Whale playing around us for
an hour or two — Rain
for all day except an hour
Saturday we met a Por-
tuguese Man of War and
of course expected to see
a gnuse, which we
have got in right good ear-
nest — Capt says he has not
seen such a blow on the
Bank for years — Have been
adrift but paid out more
cable and hit up, and
now the seas roll nearly
over us — Flood this morn-
watch alone — Drowse to all

the rest of the watch—

Sunday July 1, 1832

Have had a ~~ugly~~ ~~sea~~ ~~never~~ ever since last night at 3 o'clock—Vessel rides like a Duck, first head under and then tail (stern) the swells so high that I could almost see over the forecast on to the next wave, in my watch—

About 8 or 10 vessels have lost their anchors and cables within sight of us since morning—We have got our cable buoyed all ready to cut away—The weather has moderated

remarkably with an hour we had a good sing in the Cabin from seven to 8 1/4 o'clock and then hove in about 10 fathoms of cable Levi and I washed after 9 o'clock. Whales playing around us in the A.M. Have had 75 fathoms of cable out.

Monday July 2nd

Flood Bushell's watch last night. Perry & Bushell both sick today. Capt's son in law Frank Cook Capt of the Empire Spring on board of us twice he had lost his chain and wanted

to find some Capt Hopkins
of Schr Willis Putnam on
board — Have got only 8 fish
and two Halliput today —
Got Anchor and sailed in
and out and around and
through the fleet and at
last Set up alongside of the
A. Paine Steward — Plant
spoke us with 13,000 fish
Empire Spring 11,000 Capt took
on board of us today Hove
and I learned to take the
sun and get our Latitude
today found it to be 44°12'
Pleasant nights

Tuesday 3

Have got few fish today

Foggy as Xerxes — A Portuguese Sqdn. of War came thro' the fleet this P.M. at the rate of at least 12 knots per hour. All of the fleet are singing their Bells tonight — 4 Sick

Wednesday 4.

Up this morning at 8½ o'clock as usual and found fish "like Angels visits few and far between" — Foggy as Xerxes Bells ringing and guns firing — Eight Captains on board of them at dinner and supper part each time —

I am with Lieut on
deck after supper
Such a Ballard as has
been on the Bank today
cannot be passed in
any other place a days
Task[illegible] men a cleaning
up in Bells blowing horns
rattling Iron pans and
beating barrels —
Flags have been displayed
all through the fleet
some at half mast and
others run clear up
It is clearing up on the
Westward 3 Sail

Wednesday 5 July
Flood Buswell's watch
last night — It was called

at 11½ o'clock and stood till past 4 in the morning caught only 14 fish in all of the men and Cook the Dog with Gordon and caught 87 Caplin

Sept the 8th Lat by the Dog with Howie and started to look up a school of fish towed out of the fleet and anchored by a school of Sharks but could catch no fish then pulled up and stood toward an English Bark under full sail and came up up with her and spoke said his Latitude was

44° 31'. We anchored 4 or 5 times, and saw that the Jury was near us so pulled for the vessel without a fish. Sharks all around us some with the reach of the oars. Got to the vessel without difficulty at 8½ o'clock. The Sats of the Meteor of Greenock varied 19' from ours (44° 12') Buswell is in a pod ship with his thumb has got a felon he's walking the deck like a crazy man. 19 Fish

Friday

Wrote some letters and put-

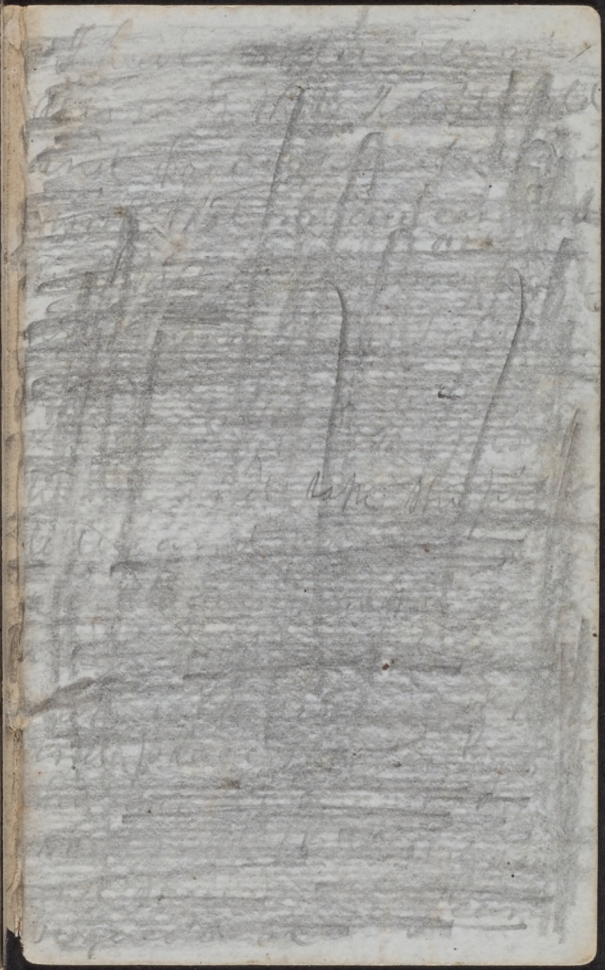
Then aboard of the D. C. Smith by Capt. Frank Cook. The Smith is to sail tomorrow. Went aboard of the Minnie Boyd with Howe & Levi & Bob Hook and dropped down alongside of the George Wallace and found a fine fish all large ones. Avery says that he only put 2 or 3 half bushels of salt on to the 499 fish that we got on the western edge. They will have

Saturday 7

Work tellers last night to Father & Mother and did not get to bed till about eleven o'clock. This morn-

rising up at 2-20 minutes
and during the day have
got 39 fish and 88
those formerly did Hall that
I up all we have got 86
I therein sent our letters
aboard of the South by the
Capt early this morning
Capt Cook and Capt Avery
aboard little Pocklock
In all the time that I have
been on the Banks I have
not been so tired as I am
now The count of the
fish fell short 9 out of 100
and it is not difficult to
guess when the miscount is
for this is not the first or the
tenth time that it has been so

Stood from 4 till 6 P.M. on the fore Washed with Sea and went on deck and had a swig with Lee for Smith Stephens and four of his crew at dinner Cook and and Mate of the Florida ship (in the afternoon we all went into the Cabin and [illegible] a pipe with the Mate in a friendly manner at sea Saw the Mate of the Florida (James from Newfoundland) (American Native and Eleven Nestor) to read this week and return next Sunday and I came on



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